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THE TIME TO BUY.

There are times when a person should not buy, and there are times when he should buy. The present fall has been a time when people have not bought and as long as goods were at top price the people would not buy, certainly not as long as they were able to keep from buying. And the present is no time to buy those things which are not essential. A thing not needed now is dear at any price.

But there are things which must be bought. The children must have clothes and shoes and other wearing apparel. These things are necessary and they must go into every household. Whatever the times the children in school and at home must be made comfortable. And the grown-ups, too, need essential clothing. They need shoes and they need other things. And they will buy these things or go in want and the time has not come when the people should be in want.

The fact is that we believe the turning point has come and that things will look brighter after the holidays. Even if prices do not advance we will have settled down to the new conditions, hard though they be, and will have to some extent accustomed ourselves to them. Believing that this is the case, this paper feels that it should advise its readers to buy—not to buy those things which are not needed; nor those things which may be used, but which may be done without, and that without discomfort; but to buy those things which are necessary to make the people at home comfortable. The coming of the Christmas season makes it necessary that we get rid of the blues for the sake of the children, if not for our own sakes, and something must be bought for this purpose. They must be made happy in their new clothes and with other things which go to make life easy for them.

But there is another reason why the people should buy these necessities now, and that is that these things may be bought at prices which will commend themselves to even the most penurious. For several weeks the merchants in Abbeville have been advertising their goods at big discounts, indicating that these goods were being sold at cost prices. It is customary to read about discount sales, and sometimes they are not really discount sales, but the editor of this paper, in the last few days, has had occasion to go into the stores in Abbeville and to find out about these things. And he has found that all kinds of wearing apparel, men's clothing, boys' clothing, women's suits, coats, shoes of all kinds and a great many other things which the people must have, are being offered at prices in many instances below cost. The fact is that the merchants in Abbeville, or at least those who advertise in this paper, have made up their minds to sell their stocks of goods at cost, and in many cases below cost, in order to make room for the spring goods. This being the case, we say that the time has come for the people to buy the things which they must have. The goods are new now, they have not been picked over and they are as cheap as they will ever be again the present winter. A dollar now will buy as much as two dollars would have bought three months ago, and these things being on a parity with the price of cotton, there is no reason why we should longer wait to buy those things which we are compelled to have.

And there is another consideration for all of us, and it is this: Business must begin to move somewhere, or else stagnation will continue. The merchant cannot buy new goods until he sells what he has; and the manufacturer will not buy cotton in

great quantities and manufacture more cotton goods until he sells to the merchants what he has in his warehouses. The same is true of other lines. Therefore, in order to make the wheels of business turn we must begin to give it a push. When we buy from the merchant, he in turn buys from the manufacturer, and the manufacturer in turn buys the raw material to make more goods, either of cotton or something else, and we begin to look towards a resumption of business and prosperity. Of course there are other things to be overcome. There are agencies at work against the best interests of the producing classes, we firmly believe, but that is no reason why we should stand still. The time is coming and is not far off when these things will be righted. What the people want to learn just now is that the world will not move without them, and that business will be stagnant under any conditions until they begin to give things a push.

We suggest therefore that the people of Abbeville County lay aside the blues. Let them look about their households and see the things which must be bought and which ought to be bought to make life worth living. And having found out just what they need, they cannot do better than consult the good merchants of Abbeville who carry stocks of as fine merchandise as can be bought anywhere, who are offering them at prices which mean great losses to them, but who are willing to take their losses if only they can see business begin to grow. If you have not sold your cotton and your credit is good, (and most honest people have good credit,) there is no reason to stay at home. Come to town and get ready for Christmas.

ROOK PARTY

Miss Margaret Harrison entertained a number of her friends at a rook party Saturday afternoon. After enjoying several interesting games a salad course was served.

EXPORTS SHOW AN INCREASE TO THE GERMANS IN OCTOBER

Washington, Dec. 7.—Great Britain and Japan were the only ones of the larger countries that took less goods from the United States in October than during the same month a year ago; while Germany, Canada, Mexico, Chile and the Dutch East Indies were the only countries from which the United States received more goods than during the corresponding period of 1919.

Exports to Germany in October totalled \$32,449,265, an increase of \$12,000,000 over those of October a year ago, while imports from this country were valued at \$8,021,701, an increase of \$6,000,000.

Goods shipped to Great Britain were valued at \$160,973,621, a decrease of \$4,000,000, while shipments from that country to the United States were valued at \$33,617,133, a decrease of \$8,000,000.

France received \$79,092,926 worth of shipments from the United States, an increase of \$13,000,000 while it shipped to the United States \$11,749,406 worth of commodities, a decrease of \$3,500,000.

Shipments to Italy were valued at \$35,693,826, an increase of \$4,000,000 while imports from Italy were valued at \$4,365,360 a decrease of \$3,000,000.

Exports to Argentina increased \$8,000,000, totalling \$21,858,448; and imports from that country were valued at \$14,071,430.

Exports to Brazil totalled \$15,143,613, an increase of \$3,000,000 and imports from Brazil were \$14,971,109, a decrease of \$10,000,000.

Chile took \$4,867,920 worth of American goods, an increase of \$1,000,000 and sent to the United States goods valued at \$7,807,230, an increase of \$2,000,000.

Milwaukee women use approximately 400 barrels of talcum powder each week.

TINKHAM STARTS DRIVE ON SOUTH

Washington, Dec. 7.—The opening gun in the long-imminent battle to reduce representation of the Southern States in the house of representatives was fired tonight by Representative Tinkham, Republican of Massachusetts, who announced that he had prepared a resolution for introduction tomorrow directing the house census committee to make an inquiry into the extent of disfranchisement of negroes in the South and to recommend cutting down the representation of those states accordingly.

Mr. Tinkham's statement declares that 11 Southern States—Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Georgia and Virginia—cast only about 5 per cent of the total vote for president in the last election although holding 25 per cent of the membership of the house.

Commenting on probable reapportionment of representatives in congress as a result of 1920 census, Mr. Tinkham said that if the present basis of representation were used 65 members would be added in the house. This increase, he added could be avoided almost entirely by adhering to the same unit of representation—one member for 211,877 inhabitants—and by enforcing the 14th amendment which directs congress to reduce representation of states who restrict the right to vote of qualified citizens.

Mr. Tinkham said that if a reapportionment bill were passed 'which is plainly unconstitutional by avoiding enforcement of the 14th amendment,' he intended to question in the courts the constitutionality of the election of the next house.

It is estimated that nearly 40,000 bodies or 60 per cent, of the total number of American bodies buried in European countries are to be sent back to the United States.

90 PER CENT OF THE GREEK VOTE WENT TO CONSTANTINE

Paris, Dec. 7.—King Constantine received 98 per cent of the votes cast in Sunday's plebiscite on the question of his return to the throne of Greece it was announced in an Athens dispatch dated Monday, received by the Greek legation here today.

The voters it is added, numbered 300,000 more than the total making part in the recent parliamentary election.

BRIDGE CLUB

A young ladies Bridge Club was organized at the home of Mrs. D. Townsend Smith, Jr., Friday afternoon when the following young ladies became members: Mrs. Willie Speed, Mrs. Claude Vandiver, Mrs. Paul Kennedy, Misses Mary Hill Harris, Mary Milford, Lillian Richey Elizabeth Jones, Susie Mabry, Sara Haigler, Ruth Howie, Kate Haskell, and Margaret Perrin. Miss Kate Haskell will entertain them tomorrow afternoon when they will become thoroughly organized to meet every two weeks on Thursday afternoon.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Little Frances Cheatham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Cheatham Jr., celebrated her sixth birthday Friday afternoon. A number of her little friends were invited to enjoy games and eat sweets. The cake with the six candles on it was the delight of all and the souvenirs of candies.

BIRTH NOTICE.

Born at Abbeville, S. C., Tuesday, December 7th, 1920 to Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Cheatham, a son, Robert L., Jr.

C. OF GA. RY. WANTS TO ISSUE MORTGAGE BONDS

Washington, Dec. 5.—The Central of Georgia Railway company, applied today to the Interstate Commerce Commission for permission to issue \$60,000,000 in refunding and general mortgage bonds, \$11,000,000 of which would be used to reimburse the treasury of the road and for additions and betterments; \$31,462,300 to refund a like amount of par value of prior bonds and \$17,537,000 for the purchase of new equipment. The bonds would be dated April 1, 1919 and mature April 1, 1959.

BAPTISTS TO TAKE OVER LIMESTONE COLLEGE

Columbia, Dec. 2.—The education commission of the Baptist general board meeting here today, voted to take over Limestone college, Gaffney, as a Baptist college. The college will get two hundred thousand dollars of the seventy-five million campaign. Trustees and a president will be elected by the Baptist convention meeting here next week. The commission also decided to locate the Southeastern Academy at Scranton.

VISITING MRS. GARY

Mrs. Ella Latimer and Miss Maggie Latimer are spending this week with Mrs. Frank B. Gary on Greenville Street.



LOWER PRICES NOW

—NOT SIX MONTHS HENCE

In anticipation of lower clothing costs next spring we now make a complete revision of our prices to a lower level. Not a sale, but a definite downward revision.

We've reduced the price on every piece of merchandise in our store 33¹/₃ per cent. The same high quality of merchandise, but at one-third less cost to you.....

NEW SUIT PRICES

\$15.00, \$16.67, \$20.00, \$23.34, \$26.67, \$30.00, \$33.34, \$40.00, \$43.34

NEW OVERCOAT PRICES

\$13.34, \$16.67, \$20.00, \$23.34, \$26.00, \$33.34, \$40.00, \$43.34

No reservations are made; we have revised the price on every piece of merchandise. This represents our sincere effort to meet your desire and our desire to lower prices on good clothing and furnishings. Greatest values of the season.

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